

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Bill Phillips, Roberta Lema, Carol Nickerson, Bill and Phyllis Evaul, Norman Pope, Paul Morris, Brenda Boleyn, Miren Etcheverry, Attorney Jay Murphy, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder, and Pru Sowers of the Banner.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of June 13, 2006, as amended, and to hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0-1, with Mr. Gaechter abstaining due to his absence.

Public Comment: Ms. Lema wanted to be on record as always having used Snow's Landing.

Mr. Phillips reiterated what she said, and urged the BOS to proceed. He told the Board that drainage things were dug on Meetinghouse Road to prevent water from running into the Pamet River, and he observed that water is running into the Pamet--and in about 58 places. He said that at well as protecting our rights down there, we need to also address this problem. Mr. Gaechter asked him to provide the BOS with a list of these areas. Mr. Morris noted that the Old County Road drainage is being engineered right now, and so the Mill Pond area is being addressed.

Report of the Veteran's Memorial Committee: Mr. Pope told the BOS that they are looking for an appropriate site, and the new Park by the Pamet has been suggested. Mr. Pope went on to say that they envision a memorial such as the one in Provincetown. They have spoken to Peter Columbus about the stone work, and Nickerson Memorials for the slab work. Another potential site is outside the Town Hall; that site already has a flag pole and electricity. The park site has the potential for both of those as well, due to it's proximity to the DPW building. Mr. Gaechter noted that it was the preference of the BOS to site the memorial at Town Hall because power was available, there is parking for ceremonies, and it would not involve encroaching on conservation land. Mr. Pope explained that as a first step, the existing WWI and WWII plaques will be cleaned; a Korean War plaque also needs to be done. They feel it would be better to keep the two original plaques displayed inside the Town Hall, and a new memorial with a list of all servicemen would be placed outside. They have estimated a total cost of \$30k-50k. Mr. Gaechter told him that the committee should come to the Board with a preliminary design and layout on the site, so a cost estimate can be obtained. He noted that if they used the old plaques outside in a safe foundation, they could get CPA money. He suggested some sort of designation on the plaque for killed in action or wounded, if possible. Mr. Pope said they are getting information from the Veteran's Agent. Mr. Hartman told him that the Arthur Staff, the Staff Historian on the Cemetery Commission, is anxious to help.

Condo Conversion: Moorlands Inn: Mr. Gaechter explained that they received Town Counsel's opinion and he advises that the Board's concerns are unfounded. **Mr. Gaechter**

moved to authorize the condo conversion for Evaul, 11 Hughes Road. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

One-Day liquor license request: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the request for two one-day liquor licenses received from Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill and to waive the fee. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Discuss joint meeting with Planning Board: Mr. Gaechter explained that both the Planning Board and ConsCom have accepted the invitation to meet with the BOS, although a letter has not yet been received from ConsCom. A draft agenda was received via e-mail from the Chair of the Planning Board, and he has two items he would like added, the first under #4, D. Condo year-round occupancy, and as #5, Public awareness of article's content and intent. Mr. Palmer would also like to clarify with the Planning Board that although Mr. Chaplin is an attorney, their legal discussions should be centered on our Town Counsel's opinion. Ms. Nolan was directed to get a letter back to the Planning Board with the revised agenda. The Board agreed to hold this joint meeting as a sole agenda item on July 18th.

Police Appointments: Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint the North District NPS rangers as Special Police Officers as listed in Chief Thomas' letter dated May 10, 2006. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Carrie F. DeAngelo as a full-time police officer in the Town of Truro effective June 21, 2006 for one year and subject to passing the physical agility test. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

NIMS update: Chief Thomas updated the BOS on compliance with the National Incident Management System. Mr. Gaechter asked if they could get a suitcase of the necessary training so that everyone who must take it doesn't have to go out of town. Chief Thomas felt he could schedule one for the late fall.

Report of the Chief: Chief Thomas updated the Board on the various personnel changes that have taken place this past year, and all the various training that has taken place. He anticipates ending the fiscal year within his budget because in spite of the need for transfers to cover the rising cost of gasoline, with the personnel changes he has saved money, so it should break even. Incidents and arrests are up from this time last year. His department has been working with the TRIAD on an emergency packet with telephone numbers to call. The department has been working closely with Provincetown, aiding them in investigations. In April they had a cell inspection. Two minor violations were found and have been corrected.

Request from Stranding Network: Ms. Nolan received this request that they be allowed to place signs regarding seals at various beaches in town. Mr. Morris told her that sign post were available for these signs. Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. Nolan to send them a letter giving them permission.

Announcement of new ATA: Ms. Nolan gave the Board an overview of the search process.

Charlene Greenhalgh was the unanimous choice of the search committee. She outlined Ms. Greenhalgh's experience in planning and municipal government. She recommended that the position be filled by Ms. Greenhalgh. She will start July 10th. Ms. Nolan expects that the duties of the ATA will be a split of 60% planning and 40% administration, at least at first. **Mr. Gaechter moved to not disapprove the hiring of Charlene Greenhalgh and to authorize the Town Administrator to proceed. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Discussion followed. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- There will be no meeting of the BOS on July 4th.
- Reported on her purchasing courses. This led to a lengthy discussion of the CPA projects, the Historical Commission's renovation of Cobb Library in particular. Mr. Gaechter questioned some of the proposed spending, noting that our lease with the Historical Society was only to maintain the building, and it was made clear that any added functions would be their responsibility and neither Town funds nor CPA money were to be used for those. Mr. Hartman reminded him that the decision on how to spend CPA funds was that of the CPC and Town Meeting, but he assured him that the CPC will do all it can to keep cost down. He asked Mr. Gaechter to provide him with a memo on his concerns and he will share it with the CPC.
- Received final report of the School Facilities Needs Survey. Mr. Gaechter said he would like to revisit the CIP and the school to be sure we are providing enough money for building maintenance, and he asked Ms. Nolan to obtain the report for Provincetown High School since we send some students there.
- Provided the Board with a report from the Assessors in which they say that the very ambitious schedule given to them via the previous liaison is not going to be possible this year. This schedule called for the Classification Hearing being held August 15th. They offer an alternate schedule that would result in the tax rate being set November 1st this year, and September 1st next year. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that Ms. Nolan get the final report from the consultant, and have him report to the BOS at a joint meeting with the BOA to discuss the schedule and other issues.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Hartman: -The Cemetery Commission reported a problem with the placement of flags on the Veteran's graves this Memorial Day; only a small portion was done. In past years, this has been done by Aussie Rose. It seems the BOS are supposed to appoint someone each April. This matter should be placed on the BOS agenda. Mr. Masson has requested some help. He would like someone to learn his system of record keeping in case he should pass away. Ms. Nolan was directed to ask Mr. Delius to contact Mr. Masson regarding this request.

Next week's agenda: Briefing from the Ma Technology Collaborative, interviews for various committees, Committee/Board reappointments.

Other business: none.

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At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington

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